

Appln. No. 10/828,804

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## II. Remarks

### *Election of Species*

In the Office Action of January 25, 2005, the examiner has indicated that the application includes patentably distinct species of the composite structural member as follows:

- I - Figures 1-3;
- II - Figures 4-5;
- III - Figure 6;
- IV - Figure 7; and
- V - Figure 8.

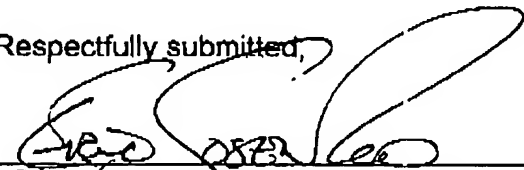
Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution purposes. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect species II, as shown in Figures 4-5. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 11 and 12 are deemed readable on this species, with claims 1 and 12 being generic to all of the species.

### *Conclusion*

It is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

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